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SUBJECT:

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY TO YOUR SEPTEMBER 6 TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE KISSINGER REGARDING THE DELIVERY TO AFRICA OF DROUGHT RELIEF SUPPLIES COLLECTED BY PUSH.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO ASSIST PUSH IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF YOUR DONATED COMMODITIES FOR THE SAHEL. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING THIS EXTRAORDINARY ASSISTANCE ARE ALMOST SOLVED AND THE RELIEF SUPPLIES, WHICH ARE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE PERSONAL CONCERN OF PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR AFRICA'S DROUGHT VICTIMS, WILL ARRIVE IN WEST AFRICA FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE

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INTENDED RECIPIENTS.

BASED ON THE INVENTORY LIST YOUR STAFF PROVIDED, AID INFORMED REGISTERED AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PRIVATE SHIPPING FIRMS, AIRLINES, AND OTHERS OF PUSH'S DESIRE TO OBTAIN FREE TRANSPORT TO THE SAHEL AND TO REFER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. THROUGH THESE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS, AID ARRANGED FOR THE ALL TRANSPORT CARGO COMPANY TO PREPARE YOUR DONATED SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT BY SEA, AND FOR THEIR DELIVERY TO NEW YORK FOR LOADING ABOARD THE S/S DEMURRA, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO SAIL FOR DAKAR, SENEGAL ON OCTOBER 12.

SINCERELY,
DAVID D. NEWSOM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
AFRICAN AFFAIRS RUSH

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